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The Name
JEREMIAH
in the
Simmons Family.

Addenda.

Following data on family of Ernest C. Simmons was obtained in second interview with his wife at the home in Higginsville, Missouri. For those of the Simmons Family whose name has become Fitz-Simmons, it is thought this may prove interesting since it gives the origin of the prefix in at least one Missouri Simmons family:

Malda Fitz-Simmons, born South Missouri; mother a McSpadden.

Great grand father a steamboat captain on the Mississippi River; came from Ireland. Thomas Simmons of this family was a Catholic who studied to be a priest; was a well-educated man of a family of some wealth that owned numerous slaves. After witnessing a slave auction on a trip to a southern port, Thomas Simmons became a Northern sympathizer, and for this was disowned by his family, all the rest of whom were Confederate in sympathy. He changed his name to Fitz-Simmons - the name by which his descendants are known. The family lived in St. Louis, Missouri, area. Mrs. Malda /Fitz-Simmons/ Simmons is of the family of Joseph Marion. She spoke of Aunts and Uncles - George, Frank, Bill, Stella, Jim, Bess, and one named Lawrence now living near St. Louis.

Other information obtained in this interview supplements material in family of Jeremiah Benjamin Simmons, Jr; -

I - Children of Ernest C. and Malda /FitzSimmons/ Simmons:

1 - Sondra Lee m Clark Kyler (who has one brother);
They live on farm East of Higginsville; on Aulville Rd.
No children. Are Evangelical in faith.

2 - Karen Lynn m John Hagerty, who operates Drive-In Theatre at Higginsville and Locker Plant there; also, the Dari-Creme establishment in Lexington, Missouri.
Children: 1 boy
2 girls
The family is Catholic.

II - Benjamin Simmons, Jr. - accidentally burned to death.

III - August E. and Constance E. / Heidbrink/Simmons
1 daughter - Vickie Simmons, age about fifteen years.

IV - Raymond Simmons, died 1934 - the same year his oldest brother Ernest was married.

Ernest C. Simmons is non-denominational; his wife Malda is a Baptist.

J E R E M I A H

PRENOTE

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IT IS MY HOPE THAT THREE THINGS WILL BE KEPT IN MIND BY THOSE WHO READ THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT OF REFERENCES ON THE NAME JEREMIAH IN THE SIMMONS FAMILY.....

1ST - THAT IT IS THE WORK OF AN AMATEUR IN FAMILY RESEARCH WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IN WRITING FOR PUBLICATION IS THAT IT MAY PROVE HELPFUL TO OTHERS THO IT CAN REPRESENT NOT MORE THAN A SMALL FRACTION OF THE FAMILIES WHOSE ANCESTRY INCLUDES THAT NAME.....

2ND - THAT IT IS THE RESULT OF A NATURAL LOVE OF RESEARCH AMONG FAMILIES OF WIDESPREAD SIMMONS NAME, IN ONE OF WHICH IT WAS MY GOOD FORTUNE TO BE BORN.

3RD - THAT THE BOOKLET WILL BE READ WITH SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING - OF ERRORS IN LINEAGE OR GENERATION, THAT MAY BE NOTED. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT MISTAKES IN RECORDING MAY HAVE OCCURED IN RECORDS RECOPIED MANY TIMES, STILL MORE INEVITABLAE WHERE FAMILY MEMORY HAS BEEN THE SOURCE OF REFERENCE. ERRORS IN INTERPRETATION OF REFERENCES IS ALSO POSSIBLE. RECORDS IN WHICH A GIVEN NAME APPEARS THROUGH THE GENERATIONS IS ONE UNFAILING GUIDE FOR THOSE SEEKING KNOWLEDGE OF ANCESTRAL BACKGROUND.

IF THIS BRIEF PUBLICATION AIDS ONE DESCENDANT OF JEREMIAH WHO MAY BE SEEKING KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ANCESTORS, WHICH EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW, I SHALL FEEL THE WORK AND EFFORT THAT WAS PRELIMINARY HAS BEEN WORTHWHILE.

DAISIE D.W. HOWE.

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OTHER THAN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE CONTENT ARE.....
ELDER JOHN RACCOON SMITH, - BY JOHN AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS
DAUGHTERS COLLEGE, KY., 1870
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY - BY RICHARDSON
THIRTY YEARS VIEW - THOS. HART BENTON
READ FOR BACKGROUND AND NAME REFERENCES OF THE TIME
MOSES SIMMONS AND HIS DESCENDANTS - L.A. SIMMONS
HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS - BY MATTHEWS
ANNALS OF PLATTE - BY PAXTON /EARLY EDITION/
HISTORIES AVAILABLE OF COUNTIES IN MISSOURI ALONG THE RIVER
PERSONAL RESEARCH IN LIBRARIES OF
CENTRAL COLLEGE, FAYETTE, MISSOURI
WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MISSOURI
COURT RECORDS IN COUNTIES ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER TO KANSAS
INNUMERABLE PERSONAL INTERVIEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH
SIMMONS RELATED FAMILIES IN AREAS WHERE RESEARCH IN COURT RECORDS
WAS MADE
MOST OF THE BOOKS IN W.W. GRAVES HISTORICAL SERIES OF NEOSHO COUNTY,
KNASAS, AS WELL AS PERSONAL SEARCH FOR SIMMONS REFERENCE IN THE
OLD BAPTISMAL RECORDS OF OSAGE MISSION /IN THE TOWN NOW CALLED
ST. PAUL/, KANSAS.
COURT RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER BORDER COUNTIES IN KANSAS.
HISTORY OF MAYSVILLE AND MASON CO., KENTUCKY - BY CLIFT WHOSE LISTING
OF EARLY MASON CO., KENTUCKY WILLS HAS AIDED IN IDENTIFYING LATER
REFERENCES.

THE NAME

J E R E M I A H

IN THE SIMMONS FAMILY.

EARLIEST SIMMONS FAMILY RECORD THAT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION IS MOSES SYMONSON /MOSES SIMMONS, FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA/, WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A SON OF WILLIAM SOMONZOON VAN DER WILDE WHO LIVED IN LEYDEN, HOLLAND, NEXT TO THE HOUSE SOLD TO JAN ROBINZOON,/MINISTER OF GODS WORD OF THE ENGLISH CONGREGATION IN THIS CITY/. MANY OF THE NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EARLY PLYMOUTH SETTLERS WHILE YET IN HOLLAND HAVE CONTINUED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAME SIMMONS DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES, AMONG THEM BEING JEPSON, WOOD, TICKENS /PICKETT OR PICKENS/, WHITE, COOK AS WELL AS CUSHMAN, COMMANDER OF THE SHIP FORTUNE ON WHICH MOSES SIMMONS CAME TO AMERICA, LANDING AT PLYMOUTH ON NINTH OF NOVEMBER, 1621.

CUSHMAN, COMMANDER OF THE SHIP FORTUNE, SPEAKS OF MOSES SIMMONS AS A YOEMAN, AND NEW ENGLAND HISTORY RELATES THAT IN AMERICA HE WAS ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS IN PLYMOUTH AND DUXBURY.

WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, FAMILY RECORDS SEEM TO CONSIDER MOSES SIMMONS OF THE SHIP FORTUNE AS MOSES I, BEGINNING THEIR FAMILY RECORDS WITH THE FIRST IN AMERICA. REFERENCES INDICATE THAT DEEDS AND RECORDS OF EARLY COLONIAL TIMES APPEAR TO DISTINGUISH CLEARLY THAT MOSES I IS MOSES SIMMONS WHO MARRIED SARAH-----/THOUGHT TO BE SARAH CHANDLER/ AND MOSES II IS MOSES SIMMONS, JR., WHO MARRIED PATIENCE BARSTOW.

MOSES I AND SARAH /CHANDLER/ SIMMONS LIVED AT DUXBURY /DUXBOROUGH/ IN NEW PLYMOUTH COLONIE WHEN HE SOLD/WITH CONSENT OF MY WIFE SARAH,/HIS FIRST PROPERTY RIGHTS AT BRIDGEWATER TO NICHOLAS BYRAM OF WEYMOUTH. THEY PROBABLY MARRIED IN DUXBURY ABOUT 1632.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE.....

1 - MOSES, JR., MARRIED PATIENCE BARSTOW ABOUT 1662

2 - REBECCA, WHO MARRIED JOHN SOUL/E/ II SON OF GEORGE SOULE I

3 - MARY, WHO MARRIED JOSEPH ALDEN 1654

4 - ELIZABETH, THE 2ND WIFE OF RICHARD DWELLY
/FOR WHOM ON JUNE 3RD, 1673, HER FATHER PAID RICE SUTTER L3 IN DAMAGE IN BREACH OF PROMISE CLAIM./

5 - AARON, WHO MARRIED MARY WOODWORTH, 1677

6 - SARAH, WHO MARRIED JAMES NASH OF DUXBURY *

7 - JOHN, WHO MARRIED MERCY PABODY /PAEBODY-PABODIE-PEABODY/, 1669.
/MERCY PABODY BORN 1-2-1649 DUXBURY AND DIED 1728 WAS A DAUGHTER OF ELIZABETH ALDEN, FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN TO THE PILGRIMS. HER PARENTS WERE JOHN AND PRISCILLA /MULLINS/ ALDEN./

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* A DESCENDANT OF SARAH SIMMONS WHO MARRIED JAMES NASH IS MR. HARRY CALL OF BRAINTREE, MASS., WHO WRITES.....

I COME DOWN THROUGH
SARAH SIMMONS M JAMES NASH
SARAH NASH M WM. DRAKE

ELIZABETH DRAKE M PIERCE SWEAT CALL.

SIMMONS FAMILIES CONTAINING THE NAME JEREMIAH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED THROUGH SOME GENERATIONS WITH THE FAMILIES IN WHICH THE NAME JEDEDIAH APPEARS, AND FOR THAT REASON SOME NOTES WILL BE GIVEN ON JEDEDIAH ALSO. BOTH NAMES APPEAR FIRST IN DESCENDANTS OF JOHN II MERCY /PABODY/ SIMMONS. THEY WERE PARENTS OF ELEVEN CHILDREN, AND NAMES COMING INTO THE FAMILY LINE THROUGH MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN INCLUDE.....

2 MARRIED SAMPSON /ONE OF WHICH MARRIED - 2 A DELANO
2 MARRIED DELANO / IN ADDITION TO M - 2 ABOVE/ AND
ONE OF THESE MARRIED - 2 WEST
1 MARRIED SOUTHWORTH
1 MARRIED ALDEN, MARRIED - 2 CHANDLER
1 MARRIED WESTON,
HAD SON JEDEDIAH, WHO MARRIED A SOULE
1 MARRIED CHURCH
1 MARRIED TRASIE /TRACY/

WILLIAM SIMMONS /111/ SON OF JOHN AND MERCY SIMMONS
B 2-4-1672 AT DUXBURY AND D 1765 AT LITTLE COMPTONRHODE ISLAND,
MARRIED 1696 ABIGAIL CHURCH, DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH AND MARY /TUCKER/
CHURCH. THE NAME JEREMIAH IS FOUND FIRST IN THIS FAMILY THEREFORE FULLER
RECORD OF CHILDREN IS GIVEN.

1V 1 MERCY SIMMONS BORN 7-1-1697 D NOVEMBER 1768 NO FURTHER RECORD.
2 WILLIAM SIMMONS B 9-30-1699 DIED 1-8-1774 AT LITTLE COMPTON R.I.
3 LYDIA SIMMONS B 1670 D NEWPORT, R.I.
4 JOSEPH SIMMONS B 3-4-1702 D JULY 1778 AT LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.
5 JOHN SIMMONS B 8-14-1704 D 3-8-1774 AT LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.
6 ABIGAIL SIMMONS B 7-14-1706 - NO FURTHER RECORD
7 REBECCA SIMMONS B 5-8-1708 - NO FURTHER RECORD
8 MARY SIMMONS B 10-15-1709 - NO FURTHER RECORD
9 BENJAMIN SIMMONS B 2-2-1713 D 3-16-1788
10 ICHABOD SIMMONS B 6-6-1715 LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.
11 PELEG SIMMONS B 12-21-1717
12 SARAH SIMMONS B 1718 -- DIED AUGUST 26, 1718.

WILLIAM SIMMONS /IV-2/ SON OF WILLIAM /III/ AND ABIGAIL /CHURCH/ SIMMONS,
BORN 9-30 AT LITTLE COMPTON, R.I., MARRIED 12-3-1721 MARY PEIRCE.

AMONG NAMES COMING INTO THIS FAMILY THROUGH MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN ARE..
3 WHO MARRIED CHURCH
1 WHO MARRIED - 1 TAYLOR
MARREID - 2 DAVIS
MARRIED - 3 WILBER
PROBABLY OTHERS

LYDIA SIMMONS /IV-3/ B 12-15-1700 AT LITTLE COMPTON, R.I.I., MARRIED
4-4-1723 /BY-----ALMY, JUSTICE, LITTLE COMPTON, R.I./ JOSEPH TILLINGHAST
BORN 1703 /PROBABLY AT TIVERTON, R.I./ AND D 1779, SON OF JOSEPH AND
FREELOVE /STOFFORD/ TILLINGHAST. OF THEIR CHILDREN.....

SARAH - NO RECORD

JOSEPH - A CAPTAIN IN THE REVOL. - PROBABLY THE ONE WHO MARRIED AT NEWPORT 9-19-1756 LYDIA HARRIS
MARY, MARRIED ELIAS BRYER
STUKLEY MARRIED HONOR HOPKINS
LUDIA, BORN 1745, MARRIED WILLIAM CRINNELL WHO WAS A SON OF WILLIAM AND MARY /SANFORD/ GRINNELL OF LITTLE COMPTON. HE SERVED 1775-78 IN REVOL., AS NAVAL LIEUT. AND AS CAPTAIN, IN 1776, WAS LIEUT. ON THE PROVIDENCE UNDER CATP. JOHN PAUL JONES. IN 1778, COMMISSIONED CAPT. OF ROYAL AMERICAN, AND MENTIONED FREQUENTLY DURING YEARS TO 10-20-1778 WHEN COMMITTED TO FORTON PRISON /WAR PRISONER/ AND NO MORE HEARD OF HIM.

JOSPEH SIMMONS /IV-4/ B 3-4-1702
MARRIED REBECCA WOOD, HAD NINE CHILDREN, THROUGH WHOSE MARRIAGES THE FOLLWONG NAMES COME INTO THE FAMILY.....

1 MARRIED GRINNELL, AND HAD SON JEREMIAH, RECORD FOLLOWS.
1 MARRIED COGSWELL
1 MARRIED PEIRCE
1 MARRIED BAILEY
1 MARRIED RICHMOND
1 MARRIED MILLER
1 MARRIED BACK INTO SIMMONS NAME.

JOHN SIMMONS /IV-5/ B 8-14-1704 SON OF WILLIAM /III/
MARRIED 4-6-1728
COMFORT SHAW.

AMONG THEIR ELEVEN CHILDREN.....

1 MARRIED PEIRCE
1 MARRIED BROWNELL, MARRIED - 2 STODDARD
1 MARRIED DAVENPORT
1 MARRIED DRIGRT
1 MARRIED BRIGHTMAN

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JOHN SIMMONS /V/ SON OF JOSEPH /IV-4/ AND REBECCA /WOOD/ SIMMONS BORN 1-29-1727 AT LITTLE COMPTON, R.I., WAS THE OLDEST SON. HE MARRIED LYDIA GRINNELL, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE AND MERCY /SANFORD/ GRINNELL, ABOUT 1746 /HIS COUSIN, LYDIA TILLINGHAST, MARRIED WILLIAM GRINNELL, A BROTHER OF LYDIA GRINNELL/, AND LYDIA GRINNELL B 1767-8, DAUGHTER OF WM. AND LYDIA /TILLINGHAST/ GRINNELL MARRIED 6-1-1786 CROMWELL BARNEY /SEE EXPERIENCE, FOLLOWING PAGES, FOR BARNEY REFERENCES./

CHILDREN OF JOHN /V/ AND LYDIA /GRINNELL/ SIMMONS WERE.....

/VI-1/ JEREMIAH B 4-8-1747 /D.A.R. LISTS JEREMIAH B 1748/. ONE REFERENCE STATES JEREMIAH HAD DUAGHTER ELIZA ANN, BORN BOSTON AND MOVED TO PHILADELPHIA, ANOTHER, THAT JEREMIAH HAD DAUGHTER JULIA ANN.

JEREMIAH /BORN 1748/ WAS CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP MORNING STAR AND HIS GRAND DAUGHTER, LAVINA WATKINS, MARRIED CHARLES R. CLOUD. DAR HAS NUMBEROUS MEMBERS FOR WHOM JEREMIAH IS HONOR ROLL.

/VI-2/ JOSEPH SIMMONS BORN 3-23-1749 /ONE REFERENCE GIVES BIRTH 4-3-1747/ MARRIED AN HAD SON JOSEPH.....

/VI-3/ BENONI SIMMONS BORN 5-5-1755 PORTSMOUTH, DIED 6-15-1835 LITTLE COMPTON, R.I. MARRIED NANCY BAILEY BORN 1767 DAUGHTER OF CORNELIUS AND MARY BAILEY, AT LITTLE COMPTON. CHILDREN, LIST TO FOLLOW, AMONG WHOM WAS JEREMIAH.

BENONI SIMMONS BORN 5-5-1755 SERVED IN REVOL. UNDER CAPT SAMUEL WYLLYS 1775, DETAILED TO GALLEY TRUMBELL UNDER SETH WARNER 1776, SERVED AS MASTER GUNNER, LOST AN ARM IN THE REVOL. HIS WIFE RECIEVED PENSION.

/VI-4/ ISIAH SIMMONS - NO RECORD

/VI-5/ JOHN SIMMONS BORN.....
MARRIED RUTH MITCHELL 2-1-1786.
HAD CHILDREN ALL DEAD.*

/VI-6/ RUTH SIMMONS BORN....., MARRIED BEN CLAPP

/VI- 7/ ELIZABETH SIMMONS.....

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* NOTE.- MOSES SIMMONS AND HIS DESCENDANTS BY L.A. SIMMONS CONTAINS A REFERENCE ON JEREMIAH.....
/IN A /.....VERY OLD CEMETERY IN THE FIELD OWNED BY E.W. GILMORE, NEAR WHERE HIS FACTORY STANDS....ABOUT FIFTEEN GRAVES WERE HERE, AMONG THEM.....
ELIZABETH SIMMONS
JOHN SIMMONS -
AND JEREMIAH, HIS SON.
.....ELIZABETH SIMMONS WAS A DAUGHTER OF MRS. ESECK CARR BY HER FIRST HUSBAND,.....AND.....HERE WAS THE FIRST BURIAL IN THE YEAR.....AS EARLY AS THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

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BENNONI SIMMONS /VI-3/ BORN 5-5-1749 SON OF JOHN /V/ AND BROTHER OF JEREMIAH /VI-1/ HAD CHILDREN.....

/VII-1/ CORNELIUS SIMMONS B 9-18-1785 D 10-5-1832
MARRIED - 1 MARGARET LORD
MARRIED - 2 ELIZABETH BRADFORD /KANSAS HIST. COLL./
HAD CHILDREN.....
1 WARREN B 12-12-1812 MARRIED F. FURBUSH /FORBIS/
2 GEORGE WASHINGTON B 12-28-1816 MARRIED FRANCES GAY
3 HARRIET BORN AND DIED IN BOSTON
4 ELIZABETH BORN 1822 BOSTON MARRIED A LIBBEY
5 CORNELIUS .... BORN BOSTON.

/VII-2/ LYDIA SIMMONS BORN 1787

/VII-3/ JEREMIAH SIMMONS BORN 11-30-1798 DIED 8-29-1870

/VII-4/ MARY SIMMONS BORN 2-5-1791 DIED 9-9-1814

/VII-5/ GEORGE SIMMONS

/VII-6/ JOHN SIMMONS BORN 10-30-1796 DIED 8-29-1870
FOUNDER OF SIMMONS COLLEGE

/VII-7/ COMFORT SIMMONS BORN 7-17-1803

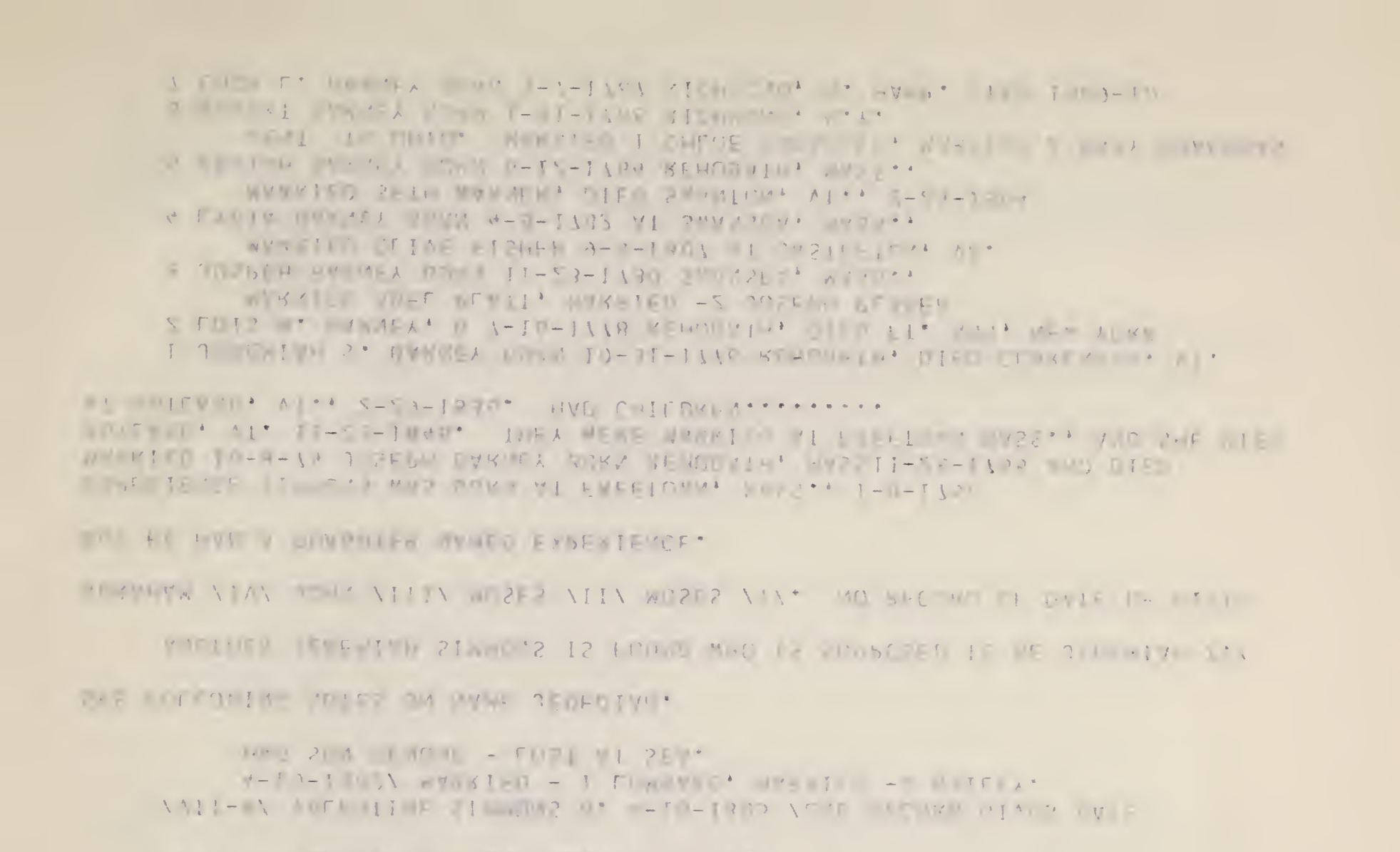
/VII-8/ VALENTINE SIMMONS B. 4-16-1805 /ONE RECORD GIVES DATE 4-10-1802/ MARRIED - 1 LOMBARD, MARRIED -2 BAILEY.
HAD SON BENONE - LOST AT SEA.

SEE FOLLOWING NOTES ON NAME JEDEDIAH.

ANOTHER JEREMIAH SIMMONS IS FOUND WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE JEREMIAH /V/ ABRAHAM /IV/ JOHN /III/ MOSES /II/ MOSES /I/. NO RECORD OF DATE OF BIRTH BUT HE HAD A DUAGHTER NAMED EXPERIENCE.

EXPERIENCE SIMMONS WAS BORN AT FREETOWN, MASS., 1-8-1756 MARRIED 10-8-74 JOSEPH BARNEY BORN REHOBATH, MASS, 11-28-1755 AND DIED RUTLAND, VT. 11-23-1846. THEY WERE MARRIED AT FREETOWN MASS., AND SHE DIED AT RUTLAND, VT., 2-29-1836. HAD CHILDREN.....

1 JEREMIAH S. BARNEY BORN 10-31-1776 REHOBETH, DIED CLARENDIN, VT.
2 LOIS M. BARNEY, B 7-16-1778 REHOBATH, DIED FT. ANN, NEW YORK
MARRIED ABEL PLATT, MARRIED -2 JOSEPH PLAMER
3 JOSPEH BARNEY BORN 11-23-1780 SWANSEA, MASS.,
MARRIED OLIVE FISHER 9-9-1807 AT CASTLETON, VA.
4 LYDIA BARNEY BORN 4-8-1782 AT SWANSEA, MASS.,
MARRIED SETH WARNER, DIED SWANTON, VT., 2-24-1804
5 BENIAH BARNEY BORN 6-12-1784 REHOBATH, MASS.,
WENT TO OHIO. MARRIED 1 CHLOE RAMSDELL, MARRIED 2 MARY BOARDMAN
6 ROBERT BARNEY BORN 1-31-1786 RICHMOND, N.Y.
7 LUCY L. BARNEY BORN 5-7-1787 RICHMOND, N. HAMP. DIED 1809-10



MARRIED AT RUTLAND, VT., 12-21-1807 HIRAM CHENEY
8 NANCY BARNEY BORN 3-3-1789

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FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE NAME JEREMIAH SIMMONS, THE ONLY OTHER SIMMONS LINE IN WHICH I HAVE SEEN REFERENCE TO EXPERIENCE SIMMONS AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER NAMES COMMON TO FAMILY OF JEREMIAH SON OF JOHN, IS A LINE WHOSE ANCESTRY IS CONSIDERED TO DESCEND THROUGH MOSES /I/ MOSES /II/ JOHN /III/ BORN 3-16-1667 MARRIED HANNAH HATHAWAY 12-14-1697 DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND HANNAH /BURT/ HATHAWAY, PROBABLY CAME FROM DIGHTON.....

JOHN /III/ AND HANNAH /HATHAWAY/ SIMMONS /PROBABLY OF DIGHTON/ ARE LISTED IN OLD REFERENCES AS PARENTS OF

JOHN M PATIENCE.....
PATIENCE SIMMONS
HANNAH SIMMONS M JOSEPH TRAFTON 2-22-1727
*OLIVER SIMMONS M.....
AND HAD CHILDREN.
CONSTANT SIMMONS /PROBABLY/
NOBLE SIMMONS /PROBABLY/

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* JOHN SIMMONS /III/ BY HIS WILL DATED MARCH 27, 1747, PROCED OCT. 6, 1747, GIVES TO SON OLIVER AND MENTIONS OTHER SONS AND DAUGHTERS, AND ONE SON, JOHN DECEASED, CONSTANT, MENTIONED IN WILL OF JOHN SIMMONS AS BEING PAID 25 POUNDS WAS MADE GUARDIAN OF HANNAH AND PATIENCE, DAUGHTER OF JOHN SIMMONS, JR., AND HIS WIFE PATIENCE, JOHN SIMMONS, JR. DIED 8-18-1733. ALSO OF RECORD IS DEED JOHN SIMMONS OF DIGHTON TO NOBLE SIMMONS.....

CONSTANT SIMMONS /PROBABLY SON OF JOHN AND HANNAH /HATHAWAY/ SIMMONS MARRIED LYDIA PHILLIPS.
HIS SON CONSTANT SIMMONS MARRIED LYDIA BRIGGS - WHO AS HIS WIDOW MARRIED - 2 JEREMIAH SIMMONS OF DIGHTON.
/TAUNTON REG. OF DEEDS BK. 77, P. 15/

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OLIVER SIMMONS /VI/ OLIVER /V/ OLIVER /IV/ JOHN /III/ MOSES /II/ MOSES /I/ BORN BETWEEN 1760-70
MARRIED MARY MESERVEY /OR MESERVE/ AND AMONG CHILDREN WERE.....

1 JEDEDIAH BORN 1791 MARIED -1 ...PEASE MARRIED 2 ...PILLSBURY
AND HAD SONS.....
BENJAMIN SIMMONS MARRIED LENORE TOLMAN
JEDEDIAH SIMMONS MARRIED EMMA SPRAGUE
2 OLIVER SIMMONS MARRIED BELINDA PEASE AND HAD SONS
JEDEDIAH MARRIED AUSTELIA COLLINS
JETHRO MARRIED WEALTHY JONES
AND HAD SONS.....
JEDEDIAH SIMMONS
JETHRO SIMMONS

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3 EXPERIENCE SIMMONS.

DESCENDATNS OF THE OLIVER LINE GIVE ALSO THE FOLLOWINF INFORMATION.....

JOHN AND PRISCILLA SIMMONS HAD SON WILLIAM WHO MARRIED ABIGAIL CHURCH, THEIR SON WILLIAM BORN 1699 MARRIED MARY PEARCE.... THIS WILLIAM AND A BROTHER BENJAMIN AND A COUSIN NATHANIEL CAME TO WALDOBORO, MAINE 1760--70... AND OLIVER SIMMONS, BORN IN HOPE, MAINE, MARRIED MARY MESERVEY /OR MESERVE/. THIS PLACES OLIVER IN THE LINE THAT COMES DOWN FROM WILLIAM /III/ JOHN/II/ MOSES /I/.

AMONG THE DESCENDANTS OF OLIVER BRANCH FIRST MENTIONED, THE NAME PILLSBURY APPEARS REPEATEDLY, AND THE LINE INCLUDES NAMES TOLMAN /BENJAMIN SON OF JEDEDIAH MARRIED LENORE TOLMAN*/

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* IT IS OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT AT PEMBROKE 7-5-1806 LUCY TOLMAN MARRIED WESTON SIMMONS SON OF JESSE /V/ AARON /IV/ BENJAMIN /III/ JOHN /II/ MOSES /I/ .... WILLIAM /III/ AND BENJAMIN /III/ WERE BROTHERS.

OTHER NAMES IN OLIVER LINE FIRST MENTIONED INCLUDE WEBSTER, STAHL, GEAR, CAMPBELL, FARNHAM, KELLER, SPROWL, FULLER, MCGUIRE, MILLER, PERRY, BARTLETT, YOUNG, TAYLOR, PITTMAN, WENTWORTH, MOODY, SMITH, DICKEY, AND DESCENDANTS WHO MARRIED BACK INTO THE SIMMONS NAME.

IN THE LATTER GROUP OF OLIVER LINE, SAID TO COME DOWN THROUGH WILLIAM - WILLIAM - JOHN - MOSES, LIST OF CHILDREN OF OLIVER AND MARY /MESERVE/ SIMMONS BEGINS WITH POLLY /MARY/ SIMMONS WHO MARRIED ROBERT DICKEY, WHO IS THE LAST NAMED IN THE GROUP WHICH INCLUDED JEDEDIAH WHOSE SON BENJAMIN MARRIED LENORE TOLMAN.

POLLY /MARY/ WHO MARRIED ROBERT DICKEY IS THE ONLY ONE WHOSE NAME APPEARS IN BOTH LISTS. DESCENDANTS OF OLIVER OF THE 2ND LIST MARRIED INTO FAMILIES NAMED ROBBINS, WEBSTER, CONANT, WHITCOMB, CROCKET, WOOSTER, SMITH, SHELDON, CHAPMAN, SAVAGE, MORSE, BRUGES, BENNER, WILSON, MOSLEM, GRANT, WING, FLYE, BUCKLIN, WOODBURY, HOWARD, STAPLES, SHAW, ORNE, MURDOCK, CLARKE, CORTHELL, SLEEPER, ACHORN, GROVES, ROAKES, MILLS, HART, EDGECOMB, SUKEFORTH, CHASE, NICHOLS, BATCHELDER, CORLISS.

THE NAME BENJAMIN IS CARRIED DOWN IN THE FAMILY, AND THE NAME GILMORE APPEARS AS A GIVEN NAME, AS WELL AS THE NAMES LOIS, CYRUS, HIRAM, ALVIN, AMANDA, VALOROUS*, ALMEDA, LUCINDA, BELLE, ASBURY, CHLOE, OLIVER, ALICE.

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* BENONI BROTHER OF JEREMIAH BORN 4-8-1747
MARRIED NANCY BAILEY, AND HAD CHILDREN AMONG WHOM WAS JEREMIAH AND VALENTINE
VALENTINE SIMMONS MARRIED - 1 A LOMBARD, MARRIED - 2 L. BAILEY, AND HAD A SON BENONE - LOST AT SEA.

BENJAMIN SIMMONS SON OF OLIVER WHO MARRIED CHLOE ROBBINS IN 1811, HAD A SON BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SIMMONS BORN 1838 WHO MARRIED ABIGAIL A. ROBINSON, AND HAD SON VALENTINE /VALLORY OR VALOROUS ALBION/ BORN 1859 AND MARRIED EMILY ETTA GROVES. HAD DAUGHTER ALICE ESTELLE BORN 1885 WHO MARRIED EDWARD MILLER CORLISS.

FROM CERTAIN SIMILARITIES IN NAMES IT WOULD APPEAR POSSIBLE OLIVER SIMMONS FIRST MENTIONED AND OLIVER SIMMONS SECOND MAY HAVE BEEN SAME, AND THAT LISTS OF CHILDREN REPRESENT FIRST AND SECOND MARRIAGES. THIS IS ONLY CONJECTURE, BUT WHETHER OLIVER WAS DESCENDED FROM MOSES /II/ MOSES /I/ OR JOHN /II/ MOSES /I/, NAMES FOUND ~~IN~~ ASSOCIATED WITH NAME OLIVER INDICATE VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATION, OR INTERMARRIAGE.

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THE NAMES JEREMIAH AND JEDEDIAH ARE FOUND AMONG SIMMONS AND ASSOCIATED FAMILIES FROM THE EASTERN SEABOARD WESTWARD.

AS EARLY AS 1776, BENJAMIN BURTON WHO HELPED DUMP THE TEA AT WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE BOSTON TEA PARTY, BUILT A HOUSE FOR ONE DR. TAYLOR OF SOUTH UNION ME. IN THIS AREA LIVED MANY ALDENS, AND OTHERS OF THE FIRST COLONIAL NAMES, AND BY 1790-1800 AT LEAST TWO LINES OF THE DESCENDANTS OF MOSES SIMMONS OF THE SHIP FORTUNE WERE HERE, WHERE THE NAME JEREMIAH IS FOUND IN THE MORSE FAMILY - A RELATED FAMILY GROUP.

IN STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JEREMIAH STARKE MARRIED TABITHA CARTER /TABITHA AN EARLY SIMMONS CHRISTIAN NAME/, GRAND-DAUGHTER OF THOMAS CARTER THE EMIGRANT. SHE HAD A BROTHER JEREMIAH, AND THEIR ELDEST SON JOHN CARTER STARKE BORN 1748, NAMED A SON JEREMIAH. SOME OF THIS FAMILY WENT TO SUMNER COUNTY, TENN., PRIOR TO 1800, AND DURING THE PIONEERING PERIOD OF WESTERN MISSOURI /1815-1830/ MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY SETTLED IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI. ASSOCIATED FAMILIES INCLUDED HACKETT, CAMPBELL, COOPER, NESMITH, BOUNDS. WHITE, HARWOOD, HOLT, MCREYNOLDS, AND THROUGH SOME FAMILIES - INCLUDING THE LEWIS, VANCE, WAYLES CONNECTIONS - RELATIONSHIPS EXTENDED BACK TO THOMAS JEFFERSON.

THE NAME STARKE /STARK/ IS FOUND ASSOCIATED WITH SIMMONS IN VARIOUS REFERENCES. IN 1813, ONE STARK SIMMONS WAS A COOPER AT FORT OSAGE WHEN ON APRIL 16TH OF THAT YEAR GEORGE C. SIBLEY, FACTOR AT THE FORT, PAID HIM $5 FOR COOPERING 25 TIERCES AND FINDING A GREAT NUMBER OF HOOPS.....IN PREPARATION FOR REMOVAL FROM THE FORT.

IN TENNESSEE, JAMES SIMPSON /SIMMONS/ MARRIED BETHINA JOHNSON, AND THEY CAME TO PLATTE TERRITORY OF WESTERN MISSOURI ABOUT 1837, SETTLED NEAR WALDRON. A DAUGHTER, AMANDA, MARRIED JEREMIAH JOHNSON /I/, AND ONE OF AMANDAS SISTERS MARRIED AN ANDERSON. OTHER NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PLATTE FAMILY.....

HARRINGTON, BALDWIN, KEMSEY, /KENSEY, MCKINSTRY OR MCKENZIE/, SMITH

WHITE, SLOAN, EASLEY, REYNOLDS, COOPER, HOLT, STEPHENS, KINNEMAN.

IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI /1839-40/ IS RECORDED DEED FROM JEREMIAH E. ANDERSON TO ALLEN S. SMITH.

ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER LIVED JEREMIAH WHITE WHO WAS BAPTIZED BY RACCOON JOHN SMITH, - THE NAMES SMITH, WHITE, SIMMONS, TOWNSEND, AND EWING ARE HERE ASSOCIATED. ALSO NORTH OF THE RIVER, IN RAY COUNTY, LIVED JEREMIAH CAMPBELL AND HIS SON JEREMIAH, JR. H.C. CLARK ADMINISTERED THE ESTATE OF JERMIAH CAMPBELL, AND THE CLARK - SIMMONS FAMILY ASSOCIATION WAS LONG ESTABLISHED IN PIONEER MISSOURI.

IN PIONEER KENTUCKY, AROUND MAYSLICK, WHEN SIMON KENTON /BUTLER/ WHO HAD A SON NAMED JERRY AND NICHOLAS WASHBURN SON OF JEREMIAH WERE INDIAN SPIES FOR THE COLONISTS - IN THE BEGINNING DAYS OF THE DAWN OF THE REFORMATION WITH WHICH ALEXANDER CAMPBELL WAS TO BE ASSOCIATED THERE AND LATER IN MISSOURI - IN A RELIGIOUS GROUP KNOWN AS STOCKTON VALLEY ASSOCIATION, - JAMES SIMS WAS AN ELDER, AND NUMBERED IN HIS CONGREGATION---------MCKENZIE AND ISHAM BURNETT. IN THIS REFORM MOVEMENT IN KENTUCKY, RACCOON JOHN SMITH BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH JEREMIAH VARDEMAN -- THE SAME JOHN SMITH WHO MANY YEARS LATER IN MISSOURI BAPTIZED JEREMIAH WHITE. RACCOON SMITH MARRIED 1ST ANN TOWNDEND 1804, SHE DIED IN A FEW YEARS, AND HE MARRIED 2ND NANCY HURT. IN 1824, WHEN ALEXANDER CAMPBELL VISITED KENTUCKY RACCOON SMITH HEARD HIM PREACH, AND SOON THEREAFTER BEGAN EXPOUNDING HIS DOCTRINE.

JEREMIAH SMITH OF KENTUCKY MARRIED JANE CLARK OF SOUTH CAROLINA, MOVED TO SCHULER CO., MISSOURI 1840, AND DIED IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MO., 1882. HE IS SAID TO HAVE MARRIED FOUR TIMES AND HAD CHILDREN BY WIVES 1,2, AND 3. ONE JEREMIAH SMITH WAS AN UNCLE OF THOS. B. SIMMONS OF RAVENWOOD IN THE TOWN OF PRAIRIE HOME, COOPER COUNTY, MISSOURI. THOMAS B. SIMMONS BECAME THE STEP-FATHER OF A VERY FINE LAFAYETTE COUNTY WOMAN, MRS. DR. JOHN MANN OF WELLINGTON, WHOSE CHILDREN REMEMBERED HIM AS AN AWFULLY GOOD MAN, /AND THE

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ONLY GRANDFATHER WE EVER KNEW./

IN CHARITON COUNTY, MISSOURI, NORTH OF THE MISSOURI RIVER, ONE JEREMIAH M. SMITH MARRIED SARAH CUMMINGS 2-7-1842, HUGH SHANNON PERFORMED THE CEREMONY, AND WITNESSES WERE JESSE PLUNKETT AND CALEB JACKSON.

LONG BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OF JEREMIAH M. SMITH IN CHARITON COUNTY, MISSOURI, POSSIBLY DURING THE SAME DECADE THAT SAW JEDEDIAH SMITH ALONG THE INDIAN TRAILS, HENRY SIMMONS LIVED IN OLD FORT HEMPSTEAD /1812-15/ ALONG WITH THE GREGGS AND OTHER HARDY SOULS.

JEDEDIAH SMITH OF EARLY MISSOURI HISTORY WAS AFREIND OF THE INDIANS AND THROUGH HIM THE NEZ PERCE INDIANS OF THE WEST BECAME INTERESTED IN THE WHITE MANS RELIGION. HE WAS PROMINENT IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUR CO., HE WAS BUT 23 WHEN HE FIRST WENT WITH ASHLEY AND HENRYS MEN /1822/, AND IN 1826 POINTED OUT TO THE MOUNTAIN MEN THE TRAIL SOUTHWESTWARD OVER THE ROCKIES, DOWN VIRGIN RIVER AND ACROSS THE MOJAVE DESERT. JEDEDIAH SMITH WAS SIX FEET THREE INCHES TALL, AFORECEFUL STEADY-EYED MAN, CARRYING ALWAYS A KNAPSACK HEAVY WITH BOOKS - A WELL WORN BIBLE, A HYMNAL, A HISTORY BOOK, AND THE LEWIS AND CLARK ACCOUNT OF THEIR EXPEDITION. ONE DAY HE CONFIDED TO JIM BRIDGER THAT HE HAD THREE AMBITIONS.....

1 - TO BE A TRAPPER, AND SEND HOME MONEY/TO EDUCATE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND TAKE CARE OF MY PARENTS,/

2 - EXPLORE ALL THE WESTERN COUNTRY, AND MAKE RECORDS AND MAPS FOR THE USE OF OTHERS

3 - BUT MOST OF ALL TO SERVE THE LORD IN THE WAY HE POINTS OUT.

HIS ASSOCIATED WERE ANDREW HENRY, WM. L. SUBLETTE, JIM BRIDGER, WM. HENRY ASHLEY. IN 1830, HE AND TWO OF THE OTHER PARTNERS BOUGHT OUT ASHLEY, AND ON OCTOBER 10TH OF THAT YEAR HE, WILLIAM SUBLETTE, AND DAVID JACKSON ARRIVED ST. LOUIS OVERLAND FROM THE ROCKIES WITH THE FIRST CARAVAN OF FURS.

THOUGH A FRIEND OF THE INDIANS, INCREASING FRICTION BETWEEN THEM AND THE WHITE PEOPLE CAUSED HIS DEATH AT THE AGE OF 33. HE WAS AMBUSHED.

AMONG EARLIEST MARRIAGES RECORDED IN CHARITON COUNTY, MISSOURI, IS THAT OF EXPERIENCE.../BK. A, P. 47/---WHO MARRIED JAMES NEWTON, WHOSE SISTER SUSANNAH NEWTON MARRIED ISAAC COALSTON; A BROTHER ASH NEWTON MARRIED DURING THIS ERA ANGELINE ASHLY OR ASHBY /OLD WRITING DIFFICULT TO DECIPHER/.

ASSOCIATED NAMES IN CHARITON COUNTY DURING THIS PERIOD WERE..... MARTIN, HARRIS, SHIVERS, SMOOT, MC CAFFERTY, BARNES, OWENS, ALLEN, CUMMINGS, SHANNON. THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN CALLED CHARITON WERE DUFF GREEN, HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW----SAMPLE, JOHN AULL, COL. FINDLEY, MR. CAMPBELL. JOHN B. CLARK ORGANIZED THE COUNTY OF CHARITON, AND MARCHED TO THE FRONTIER DURING THE BLACK HAWK WAR; IN EARLY 1830S HE WAS ASSOCIATE WITH ISHAM SIMMONS IN LAND TRANSACTIONS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

ASSOCIATED WITH SIMMONS NAME FROM MAINE TO MISSOURI IS THE NAME SIBLEY, THE FAMILIES LONG AGO INTERMARRIED. IN FIRST SETTLEMENT DAYS OF MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, JEREMIAH MARTIN COMMANDED A COUNTY MILITIA. IN THIS COMPANY WERE WILLIAM AND MALCOLM MCKINZEY, AND JEREMIAH AND JAMES MATERSON, BOTH MCKINSEY /MCKENZIE/ AND MATERSON* ASSOCIATED WITH CAMPBELL AND SIMMONS A FEW YEARS LATER IN PIONEER LAFAYETTE CO., MISSOURI, WITH EVER BROADENING RELATIONSHIPS.

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OF THE SAME FAMILY AS JEREMIAH SON OF BENONI AND BORN 11-30-1789 DIED 8-29-1870 WAS JOHN SIMMONS OF PHILADELPHIA WHO ESTABLISHED A FUND FOR SIMMONS COLLEGE...IN KANSAS CITY TODAY MAY STILL BE SEEN LANDMARKS BEARING RELATED FAMILY NAMES, SUCH AS KERSEY COATES AND VAN HORN---- REMINDERS OF THE DAYS WHEN CHARM AND ELEGANCE FIRST BECAME A PART OF THE NOW FAMOUS CITYS HERITAGE.

IN KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS IS RECORDED THAT JEREMIAH /VIII/ LINE NOT GIVEN - HAD A DAUGHTER DEBORAH WHO MARRIED WILLIAM HARRIS, THAT HARRIS MOVED WITH HIS BROTHER EDMUND HARRIS FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT CO., VA., TO PASQUOTAUK CO., N.C. IN EARLY 17TH CENTURY. EARLY HISTORIES OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI, CONTAIN REFERENCES TO ONE HARRIS FAMILY FROM VIRGINIA WHERE THE FATHER WILLIAM HARRIS WAS BORN ABOUT 1804, THE FAMILY PIONEERED TO TENNESSEE WHEN WILLIAM HARRIS OF Pioneer to LAFAYETTE COUNTY WAS ABOUT TWELVE YEARS OLD, AND IN TENNESSEE HE MARRIED MISS CATHERINE SMITH OF THAT STATE. HIS FATHER WAS A VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTION. HISTORIES STATE THAT THE FAMILY CAME TO LAFAYETTE COUNTY ABOUT 1828 WHEN WILLIAM HARRIS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY WAS ABOUT ONE YEAR OLD. HE MARRIED MISS MARY JOINER* NATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA BORN 11-7-1830. THEIR FIVE CHILDREN GREW UP ON THE FARM ON WHICH THEY SETTLED, MARRIED, AND LIVED WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THEIR PARENTS. WHEN WILLIAM HARRIS FIRST CAME TO MISSOURI THERE WERE ONLY NINE VOTERS IN SNI-A-BAR TOWNSHIP WHERE THE HARRIS FAMILY MADE THEIR HOME. WILLIAM HARRIS WAS JUSTICE OF PEACE IN THAT TOWNSHIP FOR TWELVE YEARS. EARLY LAFAYETTE COUNTY RECORDS SHOW HARRIS NAME ASSOCIATED WITH HOLTCAMP, KUHLMAN, ALEXANDER, STROTHER, AND MANY OTHER EARLY FAMILIES.

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*WILL OF LACY /LYCY/ SIMMONS, HALIFAX CO., N.C., PROBATED 1789 NAMES DEVISEES.....

ZADOK SIMMONS
ANN SIMMONS
SARAH SIMMONS

BARSHA YOUNG
MARTHA JOYNER.

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ONE JEREMIAH SIMMONS CAME TO MISSOURI FROM MECKLENBURG COUNTY IN VIRGINIA AND MADE HIS HOME NEAR THE NORTH BANK OF SIN-A-BAR CREEK JUST INSIDE THE JACKSON COUNTY LINE ON THE ROAD THAT LED NORTHWARD TOWARD LEVASY AND THE MISSOURI RIVER. IT IS REMEMBERED BY A GRANDSON THAT A SON, JEREMIAH BENJAMIN SIMMONS, JR., WAS BORN IN A COVERED WAGON WHILE THE FAMILY WAS ENROUTE TO MISSOURI. JEREMIAH SIMMONS MARRIED ONE OF THE MURRAY GIRLS OF TENN., WHOSE SISTER WAS MRS. FRED ELLIS. /JAMES ELLIS - WHO LIVED IN KENTON STATION - WAS ONE OF FIRST SETTLERS IN MASON CO., KY./ MRS. FRED ELLIS MARRIED FIRST ANDREW WILLIAMS, AND THE FAMILY CAME TO JACKSON AND LAFAYETTE COUNTIES FROM SOUTH MISSOURI. ENROUTE NORTHWARD, MR. WILLIAMS DIED AND WAS BURIED AT CLINTON, MISSOURI. HIS WIDOW AND THE FAMILY CONTINUED ON TO LAFAYETTE-JACKSON COUNTY AREA WHERE SHE MARRIED MR. ELLIS. FRED ELLIS WAS A BROTHER OF HENRY ELLIS. AN OLD TIMER WHO KNEW THE FAMILY IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS HAS SAID THAT HENRY ELLIS AND JEREMIAH SIMMONS WERE BROTHERS-IN-LAW, EACH HAVING TEN CHILDREN, AND WHEN THE WHOLE GROUP GOT TOGETHER IT MADE QUITE A PARTY. OF THIS ELLIS FAMILY GROUP ARE REMEMBERED KERMIT, EDGAR, BERNEY, CURTIS.

ONE WHO AS A SMALL BOY KNEW THE SIMMONS FAMILY WELL RECALLED THAT OTHERS GOT THE FAMILY ESTATE, AND JERRY SIMMONS BOUGHT AND PAID FOR THE SMALL HOME ON THE SNI BY HUNTING AND TRAPPING, AND BY GROWING LOTS OF CORN ON HIS LAND THERE IN THE BOTTOM.

JEREMIAH SIMMONS WAS A SLENDER MAN OF PERHAPS 5 FEET - 8 OR 9 INCHES, AND HE WEIGHED PERHAPS 175 POUNDS, BUT HE WAS A WIRY, TOUGH-MUSCLED, ACTIVE MAN, QUICK AND ENERGETIC A VERY HARD WORKER. HE HAD BLACK HAIR, DARK EYES, KEEN AND ALERT.

A DESCENDANT OF THE WILLIAMS FAMILY HAS SAID THAT THE GOOD BOTTOM LAND OF JEREMIAH SIMMONS PRODUCED LOTS OF CORN, AND WHEN THE NEIGHBORS RAN LOW ON FEED THEY KNEW THEY COULD ALWAYS GET CORN FROM JERRY THOUGH HIS FARM WAS NOT A LARGE ONE COMPARED WITH MANY OTHERS IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

ANOTHER OLD-TIMER WHO AS A YOUND MAN KNEW THIS FAMILY SAID THAT JERRY SIMMONS COULD TRACK A COON ON FROZEN GROUND, THAT HE WAS A GREAT HUNTER.

JEREMIAH SIMMONS WAS AN OUTSPOKEN MAN, HAVING SMALL REGARD FOR SANCTIMONIOUS PRETENCE, AND HE DID NOT HESITATE TO EXPRESS HIMSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MINISTER, WHOSE REGARD FOR HIM DID NOT SEEM TO LESSEN AS A RESULT,-EVERYBODY LIKED JERRY SIMMONS.

JERRY ENJOYED COMPANY, AND HE ENJOYED HIS SATURDAY NIGHT TRIPS TO TOWN AND AN OCCASIONAL DRINK WITH THE BOYS.... AMONG HIS NEIGHBORS WERE GREEN HULSE FAMILY, RAZ PALLETTE, THE BRYANS OR BRYANTS, THE BESTS, WILKINSONS, THE GEORGES, AND MANY OTHERS WHOSE NAMES ARE STILL FAMILIAR IN THE TWO COUNTY AREA, SOME OF WHOM SLEEP NEAR HIM IN THE OLD MECKLEN CEMETERY ON THE JACKSON-LAFAYETTE COUNTY LINE.

ALMOST WITHIN VIEW TO THE NORTHEAST WAS THE DEVILS BACKBONE, A SPINY, SCRAGGLY RIDGE THAT PARTLY BISECTS LAFAYETTE COUNTY, WHERE LIVED THE GREENTON FOLKS AND WHERE IN A WELL-KEPT OLD CEMETERY BESIDE THE WELL-KNOWN GREENTON CHURCH SLEEP OTHERS OF THE SIMMONS NAME.....

AARON BORN 12-28-1809 DIED 12-25-1893
J.F. /JONATHAN/ BORN 8-19-1820 DIED 11-18-1899
JONATHAN - FATHER
MAGGIE - MOTHER
MILLIE

JEREMIAH SIMMONS - TRAPPER, HUNTER, GOOD FARMER, DEPENDABLE NEIGHBOR - A MAN OF GREAT ENERGY AND UNDOUBTED PERSEVERANCE, LABORING UNDER GREAT HUMAN AFFLICTION, DIED THE VICTIM OF CANCER IN 1917, - THE SAME DISEASE WHICH HAD CAUSED THE DEATH OF HIS SON JOHN IN 1908 NEAR WELLINGTON, MISSOURI.

NOT ALL THE THIRTEEN CHILDREN OF JEREMIAH SIMMONS OF OAK GROVE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, LIVED TO MATURITY. BELOW IS LISTED NAMES OF THOSE ABOUT WHOM I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JEREMIAH OF OAK GROVE, MISSOURI, AND HIS CHILDREN HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM RELATIVES, AND FROM MARRIAGE, PROBATE, AND

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        ARTICLE
        MARRIAGE - MORTMAN
        DIAGRAMMA - EMINENCE
        ?.E.' \CONSTANTINA\ DOOM U-I\-IBN\ DIET 1\-I\-I\\
        MARRIAGE LOOK I\-SO\-IND\ DIET 1\-\O\-I\O\
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CEMETERY RECORDS IN JACKSON AND LAFAYETTE COUNTIES IN MISSOURI. CHILDREN ARE NOT LISTED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, BUT AS GIVEN TO ME BY THOSE SPEAKING OF THEM FROM MEMORY. /C.R./ FOLLOWING NAMES INDICATED CEMETERY RECORDS OF OLD MECKLEN CEMETERY NEAR THE JACKSON-LAFAYETTE COUNTY LINE NORTH OF OAK GROVE, NOT FAR FROM THE OLD HOME OF JEREMIAH SIMMONS.

JEREMIAH SIMMONS - 1844-1917 /C.R./
MARGARET C., HIS WIFE - 1849-1917 /C.R./
MELVILLE SIMMONS - DIED 2-19-1884, AGE 6 MOS. 19 DAYS. /C.R./

JOHN C. SIMMONS - 1-15-1870, 12-9-1908 /C.R./
MARRIED MARY WALN, BORN 7-29-1864. /LAFAYETTE CO., MO. MAR. R. 6-29-1901 BK 6 306/ THEY HAD NO CHILDREN, BUT TWO BOOKER CHILDREN LIVED WITH THEM.....
A BOY NAMED IRA
A GIRL NAMED GEORGIE
AT TIME OF HIS DEATH, THE FAMILY LIVED A SHORT DISTANCE SOUTHWEST OF WELLINGTON, MISSOURI, ON WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE OBERHELMAN PLACE. HE WAS A VICTIM OF CANCER.

BARBARA A. SIMMONS
MARRIED WILLIAM M. JOHNSON /LAF. CO., MR. REC. BK 5 P. 21/
PARENTS OF FOUR CHILDREN.....
JULIA JOHNSON
MYRTLE JOHNSON
ALMEDA JOHNSON
PAUL JOHNSON

JULIA SIMMONS /JULIA D./
MARRIED WILLIAM T. PIPER /JACKSON CO., MO. MAR. REC. 1893, BK 4 83 1359/
MRS. JIM SIMMONS OF OAK GROVE, WHO GAVE ME INFORMATION ON THIS NAME RECALLED TWO CHILDREN.....
MARY PIPER
JOHNNY PIPER

WHIT SIMMONS
MARRIED VIOLA GENSELL.
THEY HAD EIGHT CHILDREN. HE AND HIS WIFE SEPARATED, AND HE DIED AT THE HOME OF HIS SISTER MRS. MORROW IN HEODESHA, KANSAS, HAD BEEN ILL A LONG TIME - BAD HEART, DIED OF HEART ATTACK. AFTER HIS DEATH, HIS WIFE TOOK CHILDREN TO SANDUSKY, OHIO, WHERE ALL OF THEM REMAINED EXCEPT TWO - LOUIS AND DOROTHY.
HELEN
LOUIS LIVES KANSAS CITY, MARRIED, HAS TWO DAUGHTERS
DOROTHY - LIVES KANSAS CITY, MARRIED, HAS 1 BOY AND 1 GIRL
PAUL - LIVES OHIO
GLEN - LIVES OHIO
NORMAN - LIVES OHIO
/NAMES OF OTHERS NOT RECALLED BY MRS. JIM SIMMONS/

JEREMIAH BENJAMIN SIMMONS, JR., BORN IN COVERED WAGON WHILE FAMILY WAS

ENROUTE TO MISSOURI.
MARRIED MOLLIE E. SELLMEYER /JACKSON CO., MO., MAR. REC.-1908, BK 8 105 6500
OF THEIR CHILDREN, ONLY TWO SONS NOW LIVING

AUGUST E. SIMMONS
MARRIED CONSTANCE R. HEIDBRINK /LAF. CO., MO. MAR. REC BK 14 510/

ERNEST C. SIMMONS
MARRIED -FITZSIMMONS OF SOUTH MISSOURI, WHOSE MOTHER WAS A MC SPADDEN

JEREMIAH BENJAMIN SIMMONS, JR. WAS A SOLDIER IN THE SPAINSH-AMERICAN WAR. MADE HIS HOME IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY WHERE HE WAS A FARMER, IN LATER LIFE LIVED AT HIGGENSVILLE, WHERE BOTH HIS SONS NOW LIVE.

LOUIS SIMMONS
MARRIED
NO CHILDREN.
HE WAS A SOLDIER OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, A NEPHEW WHO SPOLE OF HIM RECALLED HAVING SEEN HIM BUT ONCE - REMEMBERED SEEING HIM IN UNIFORM, NO FURTHER MEMORY OF HIM.

GREEN SIMMONS *
MARRIED MAUD BOOKER /LAF. CO., MAR. REC.-BK. 7 290/
TWO SONS ARE

MILFORD SIMMONS A FARMER LIVING AT POLO , MISSOIRI
ALFRED SIMMONS - STUDIED ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN KANSAS CITY.

* THE BOOKER FAMILY LIVED NEAR EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, AND ONE WHO WAS NICKNAMED SHIKE BECAUSE HE WAS SO TALL AND THIN MARRIED FRIEDA WILLIE OF WELLINGTON, MISSOURI.

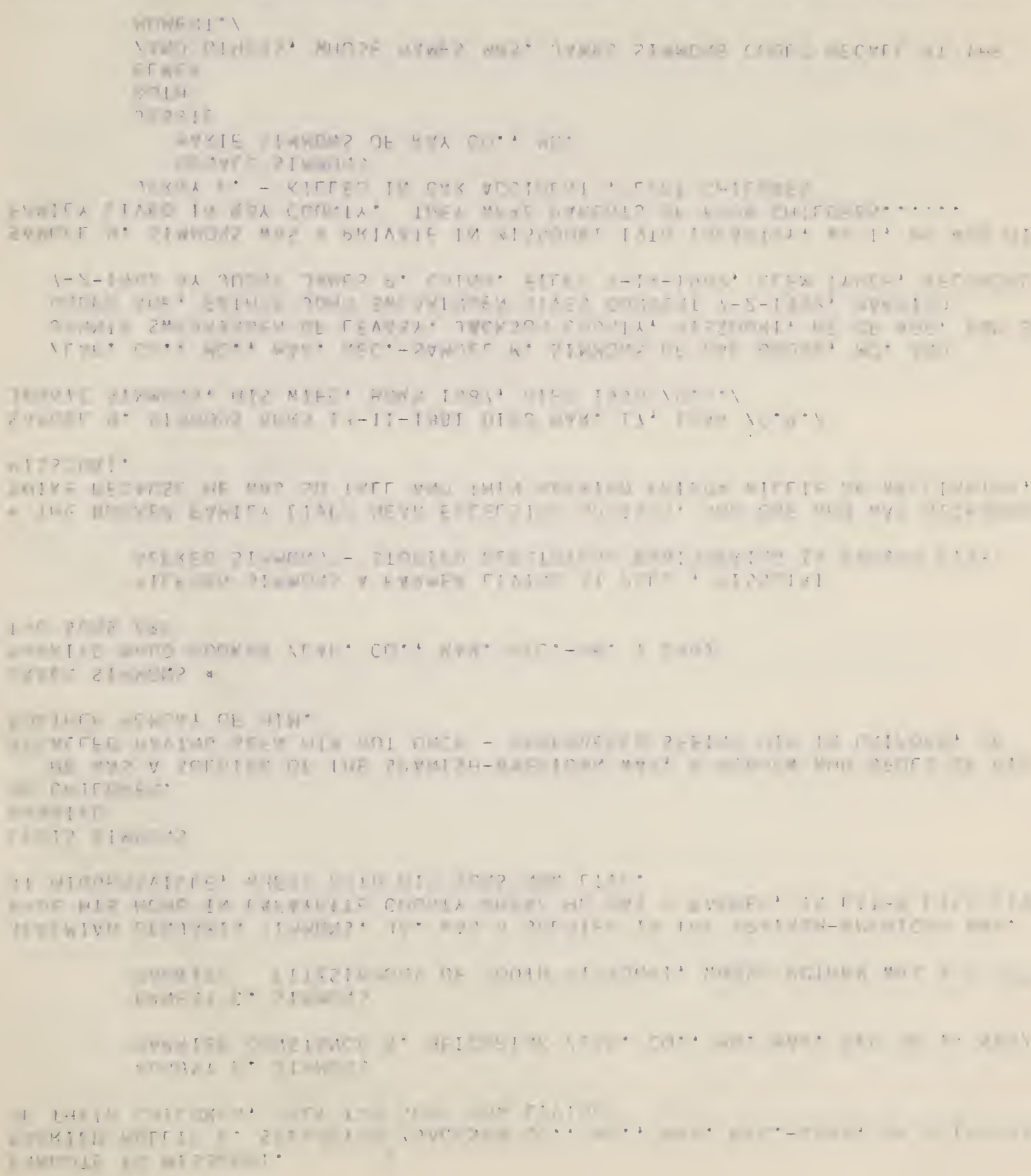
SAMUEL M. SIMMONS BORN 13-11-1881 DIED MAR. 17, 1844 /C.R./
JENNIE SIMMONS, HIS WIFE, BORN 1887, DIED 1958 /C.R./

/LAF. CO., MO., MAR. REC.-SAMUEL M. SIMMONS OF OAK GROVE, MO. AND JENNIE SWEARINGEN OF LEVASY, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, HE OF AGE, AND SHE UNDER AGE, FATHER JOHN SWEARINGEN GIVES CONSENT 7-2-1902, MARRIED 7-2-1902 BY JUDGE JAMES P. CHINN. FILED 7-14-1902, CLEM TYREE, RECORDED/

SAMUEL M. SIMMONS WAS A PRIVATE IN MISSOURI 19TH INFANTRY, WW I, HE AND HIS FAMILY LIVED IN RAY COUNTY. THEY WERE PARENTS OF FOUR CHILDREN.....
JERRY D. - KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT , LEFT CHILDREN
DONALD SIMMONS
MARIE SIMMONS OF RAY CO., MO.
JESSIE
RUTH
ELMER
/AND OTHERS, WHOSE NAMES MRS. JAMES SIMMONS COULD RECALL AT THE MOMENT./

SARAH-JANE-MARTHA-ELLEN-MARY-ALMEDA SIMMONS /84 YEARS OLD 28TH MAY, 1963/
MARRIED MORROW, WHO WAS A SUPERINTENDENT OF STANDARD OIL CO., LIVED IN NEODESHA, KANSAS, WHERE HIS WIDOW STILL LIVES. ALMA /SIMMONS/ MORROW SPOKEN OF AS A VERY FINE WOMAN, MUCH INTERESTED IN SOCIAL AND WELFARE WORK,

*AMELIA ELIZABETH



ACTIVE IN RED CROSS WORK MANY YEARS. THEY HAD ONE SON, WHO DIED ABOARD SHIP DURING WORLD WAR II.

MYRTLE SIMMONS - NEVER MARRIED, LIVED KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

JIM SIMMONS
MARRIED
MAUD VAN METER DUAGHTER OF JOHN VAN METER WHO CAME FROM VIRGINIA. HER FATHER HAD ONLY ONE BROTHER, AND SEVERAL SISTERS. HER FAMILY LIVED FOR A TIME IN THE SUNSHINE BOTTOM AREA OF THE MISSOURI RIVER, WHICH IS NOW ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER, SHE RECALLED MANY NAMES OF PEOPLE OF THAT AREA. NELLIE, A SISTER OF MRS. JAMES SIMMONS MARRIED THREE TIMES - OUTLIVED ALL THREE OF HER HUSBANDS, IS MRS. NELLIE POPEJOY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO. HER MOTHERS HALF-SISTER /CLAY HARDEN/ MARRIED NELSON WALLER.

JAMES SIMMONS WAS A FARMER, LIVED NEAR OAK GROVE, THE FAMILY MOVED TO TOWN SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO, AND HE DIED THREE YEARS LATER. MRS. SIMMONS LIVES ALONE IN THEIR HOME, THEIR FOUR CHILDREN LIVE WITHIN VISITING DISTANCE, WHICH THEIR MOTHER APPRECIATES VERY MUCH. HER ATTRACTIVE HOME AND YARD INDICATE AN ACTIVE ENERGETIC INTEREST IN LIVING, THO SHE IS PAST SEVENTY.
CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MRS. MAUD/VAN METER/ SIMMONS ARE.....

CLIFFORD - LIVES KANSAS CITY. HAS NO CHILDREN
CLARENCE - HAS TWO CHILDREN
JAMES JR. - HAS TWO CHILDREN
HELEN /MRS. ED. BROWN OF HOLDEN, MISSOURI/ HAS FIVE BOYS.

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